

WHEREAS, there are more than 43,700 Coloradans serving on active military duty, and more than 400,000 veterans reside in our state; and

WHEREAS, these men and women make significant contributions to Colorado's economy and social fabric; and

WHEREAS, whenever called upon to defend our nation's security at home or abroad, the men and women who serve in the United States Army, Navy, Marine Corps, Air Force, Coast Guard, National Guard, and Reserves have responded immediately, placing national interests above their own; and

WHEREAS, as part of their military training, many veterans received extensive skills training in a broad range of technical areas that have application to civilian occupations; and

WHEREAS, veterans often bring a sense of leadership, forged through the challenges and demands they faced in military service, and they have the ability to adapt and learn quickly; and

WHEREAS, veterans bring a good mind-set, a positive attitude, team spirit, and other personal attributes that businesses are seeking; and

WHEREAS, the integration of these highly-qualified veterans into the workforce will greatly benefit our state; and

WHEREAS, we honor these military veterans and recognize their importance to our state;

Therefore, I, John W. Hickenlooper, Governor of the State of Colorado, do hereby proclaim, November 2017, as

HIRE A VETERAN FIRST MONTH

in the State of Colorado.

GIVEN under my hand and the Executive Seal of the State of Colorado, this first day of November, 2017

Jøhn W. Hickenlooper

Governor